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THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON.

Marvelous is the influence by which the Christmas spirit moves the hearts of men to joyful and generous impulses. It seems as if in this era of the year an unseen angel touches the invisible spring of an unused door in normal human natures and fills them with song and sunshine.

What a world of generous endeavor and what a summer time of happiness is awash around us!

Those whom providence has prospered are busy with their loving devices to make home happy, to cheer the soldiers at the front and in the preparatory camps, to crown the waning year with goodness, to reward fidelity, patience and love, to reap the joys that flock into the Christmas season like homing doves from a far circling flight.

None could deny them all the riches of such experience, but let us not forget the larger and holier significance of this season whose glory is the advent of Him who came to minister to the poor and the sick and the downcast, and not to be feted and filled with costly gifts.

He came to serve and not to pamper himself.

He came to bless those to whom "blessing" was the strange name of an unknown experience.

His works that have caused Him to hold the supreme admiration of mankind, the worship of millions and to stir the emulation of philanthropists the world over were His gifts to the poor, the lame, the sick, the blind and the outcast.

Here is the divine suggestion to every man and woman who would know really the full proportions and power of happiness.

Throw out the circle of your presence and generosity to take in some of those whom you know are without the cheer and content of the Christmas time.

Look out from your homes of ease and plenty by the back way to those places where you know is want and aching bodies; to the little children of the poor, not only in your own immediate section but to all in the war-stricken fields of France and Belgium—to the Syrians and Armenians, to the Red Cross.

Reach out that hand of thine, into which a Christian civilization has

poured more than your sufficiency, and scatter the sunlight and healing offerings among those who shrink in the shadows.

Every man and woman who would experience the true Christmas spirit should distribute with grace and humility to the poor and sick.

It is the tithe to Him whom you celebrate.

It is a duty that casts a searchlight on the way to heaven.

It is an exercise that stirs the inward spirit as none other can, and widens the soul to greater capacity for love and happiness.

Try it. Test it. Taste the joy of it.

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

There is suffering among the poor in many a northern city this cold-Christmas week because of inability to secure coal.

There will be none of this suffering in rural Florida, unless the poor be also so lazy to hustle and get wood. We burn wood principally for heating purposes in Florida, and there is plenty of it.

Coal is necessary to win the war. Immense quantities of it are used in manufacturing munitions, arms and other war necessities, for floating battleships, submarines, for transports and merchant ships. THESE MUST FIRST BE PROVIDED.

Florida cities use coal in their lighting and power plants and for railroads and in manufacturing. These also must have coal, but only up to a certain point.

We must cut out the consumption of all coal except what is actually needed. There must be none consumed for mere style.

These white ways in our pretty cities! How much they add to the attractiveness of our progressive towns. The electric signs, etc.

They are all right in times of peace, but how about this time of war, when every ounce of coal is needed to bring victory to American arms.

These white ways and the signs have been ordered darkened for two nights each week—Thursdays and Sundays. They are to be called "Lightless Nights" and every municipality is called on to enforce the order. Failure will result in seven lightless nights. For—

The vast quantity of coal now consumed to provide needless light and power must be utilized only in saving the lives of the poor and to float battleships and governmental industries devoted to winning the war for democracy.

Palatka will do its part without the aid of the United States marshal.

Housewives are also urged to cut out all but necessary lighting, and they will need nothing beyond the suggestion made in the order of Dr. Garfield, the U. S. Fuel Administrator.

Palatka has been and will continue to give her sons to the war. That is the big sacrifice. For us who remain at home it is only to reduce consumption of every article needed to help these sons win this fight.

Hon Albert T. Williams has been appointed Fuel Administrator for Florida. He is only requesting that we all comply with Dr. Garfield's order. Let that simple request be sufficient. Let us show him that we are with him to a man in this fight to crush German autocracy.

The House of Representatives has passed a resolution submitting national prohibition to the several states by a vote of 282 to 128. The resolution passed the Senate last August, and there is little difference to be overcome. The Senate resolution gives six years for the States to adopt or reject, while the House resolution provides seven years. This difference will be adjusted in conference and it is likely that Congress will present the resolution to the people of the United States as a Christmas present. Former Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan was an interested spectator in the gallery of the House during the proceedings, and received with other leaders the congratulations of interested spectators.

The Times Union's literary critic saw a part of Thos. Gray's "Elegy" written in a country churchyard, didn't like the English, and proceeded to criticize the poem thusly. "But there is so much merit in this little sample of Mr. Gray's writing that we hope he will take the time to polish his productions. If he would do this we believe he would become known as one of our leading poets." Again this profound Times-Union critic says: "It is probable that Mr. Gray, whether a member of the staff of the News or not, is a member of the staff of some newspaper. Newspaper men are compelled to write rapidly. They dash off what they write and send it without revision." This is almost too funny! The Times-Union trying to correct the English of a classic! Tommy Gray may have been a newspaper writer, but nothing is said of this by his biographers. All that they do say is that he was a man of accurate and refined tastes, retiring and sensitive, fond of learning, art and philosophy, and that his published letters are admirable in style and matter." As Tommy died in 1771, he will hardly be in condition to feel sensitive over this latest criticism by the Literary critic of Florida's "Graytis" daily.

St. Marks Episcopal Church.

The services at St. Mark's Episcopal church next Sunday will be the same as on Sunday last with the exception of the Holy Communion. Rev. Melville E. Johnson will supply. On Christmas day, there will be service at 10 o'clock—Morning Prayer with sermon and special music.

That sewing machine offer of Teaff-Ramsey Furniture Company, which occupies their entire adv. in this paper, ought to attract every housewife who has no machine. It provides for small payments, beginning with 25 cents. The machine is the White, and there is none better on the market.

Wild Cat Runs Amuck.

"And He said unto them (the Pharisees), what man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it shall fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?" Rev. S. Grady, pastor of the Methodist church, looked up from a plate of hot cakes at breakfast last Sunday morning and through the window of his warm and cozy dining room, saw a big wild cat crouched on his hen house. The cat was licking his coat in the orthodox feline manner and then it looked up also and saw the pastor. The cat blinked at the domineer; some might say he was making faces, but he only blinked. Perhaps he had heard that the good pastor was partial to Catts. Anyway he didn't move—just sat and blinked.

To say the pastor was startled, doesn't express it. He knew it wasn't of domestic breed. Then his glance fell to the interior of his chicken house, and he was even more startled to see several of his favorite chickens laying on the floor, dead.

It occurred to Mr. Grady that this was Fred Cochrane's pet wild cat and that it had in some way escaped from his cage. He telephoned the Cochrane residence. Morris Cochrane hadn't breakfasted. He had worked late the night before taking care of his Christmas trade and had gone home tired. But he said he would come down immediately, if not sooner. He came, saw the dead chickens and that there was no way of capturing the cat alive.

In the meantime the cat had jumped down from the hen house and dived under the parsonage. Mr. Grady secured his gun, spied the cat under the house and then pumped some buckshot into its vitals. Dead cat.

Ministers of the gospel don't often go gunning on Sundays, but this was different. His chickens had fallen into a pit, and he went after the pit on the Sabbath day, for which act he felt that he had scriptural justification. The men in the text were admonished that they might lift a live sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath in order to save life of the sheep. Mr. Grady's sheep were chickens; they had already succumbed to the pit, so Mr. Grady went after the pit and rendered it harmless for other innocent fry-sized chickens and hens who can be induced to lay eggs at 60 cents per dozen as a war measure. It was the same principle of humanity. He told his congregation about it just before the sermon that morning, but he didn't have to apologize, for there were no Pharisees in attendance that morning.

Someone without the fear of God in his heart had opened the door of the cage in the night and liberated the cat.

Noted Speaker Here.

Does any individual minimize the work and calling of that wonderful organization called the Red Cross? If such a one had been present Wednesday evening at the Woman's Club House to hear Dr. Thomas E. Green, noted lecturer, give his magnetic address on war conditions and Red Cross activities, he would be hushed forever. A small audience composed mainly of a faithful few had the rare pleasure of listening to a man who has traveled the world over many times, has seen Europe in peace and Europe at war, and in a convincing way told of war conditions as they exist now both here and "over there." Space will not permit of many of the good things he had to say, but the amount of information given by Dr. Green upon Red Cross war work will long remain with his audience.

With a splendid command of the English language, a world of information and traveled knowledge combined with rare, forceful oratorical ability, Dr. Green held his hearers spell-bound for an hour and the time seemed all too short. It was inspiring. Dr. Green was at one time rector of the Episcopal church at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and once came mighty near election to the bishopric. His fame as a lecturer and Chautauqua speaker reached the ears of Uncle Sam, who, quick to see the real service this man could be to his country in this great crisis, commandeered his time and talents to represent this wonderful Red Cross organization, and the choice was indeed a wise one. The lecture Wednesday gave the Red Cross workers here a tremendous enthusiasm and it should have been heard by every man, woman and child in Palatka.

Some Overworked Lawyers.

A. H. Odum, J. V. Walton and H. E. Merryday, Palatka attorneys who never lack for practice, are certainly doing their "bit." They comprise the legal advisors of the 1300 or more conscript registrants who are now required to fill out several pages of questions and who are coming at the rate of 60 per day to consult these attorneys, who constitute the county board and who are working overtime "free, gratis, for nothing." Working hard as they have been the past week, this board is behind with its work. They have been compelled to give up their private practice entirely and are working for the government. Judge Walton has sent for Attorney Geo. B. Eversop of Bunnell to look after his office work. Mr. Merryday fortunately has a partner in Mr. Hilburn, and Mr. Odum works for the government all day and takes up his own work at night.

After this the board will meet at 8 a. m., and will continue till six or seven o'clock in the evening.

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25th Paym't	26th Paym't	27th Paym't	28th Paym't
\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30
29th Paym't	30th Paym't	31st Paym't	32nd Paym't
\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40
33rd Paym't	34th Paym't	35th Paym't	36th Paym't
\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
37th Paym't	38th Paym't	39th Paym't	40th Paym't
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TEAFF-RAMSEY FURNITURE CO.

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Methodist Christmas Entertainment.

The Methodist Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment in the church at 7:30 p. m. next Sunday, to which a cordial invitation is extended to friends, especially to the members of the church.

All presents are to go to the Orphanage at Enterprise. So that each pupil and teacher may have the joy of helping the helpless.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo.

Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The Stockholders of the Florida Woodenware Company will hold their Annual Meeting at their office, Palatka, Florida, Wednesday morning, January 2nd, 1918.

FLORIDA WOODENWARE CO., W. P. Merriam, Sec'y.

The Washington Humane has adopted electrocution for dogs and cats.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of G. M. Davis & Son will be held at the office of the company, in Palatka, Fla., on Wednesday, January 19th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

G. M. DAVIS & SONS, By R. H. Cooper, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Meeting of the Stockholders of East Florida Savings & Trust Company, will be held at the office of the company in Palatka, Florida, at 10 o'clock noon, on Monday, January 19th, for the purpose of electing trustees to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such business as may come before meeting.

W. S. BURDETTE, Secretary, Palatka, Fla. Dec. 12th, 1917.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual Meeting of Stockholders of Merryday Grocery Company will be held at their office in Palatka on Thursday, January 10th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

WALTER W. TILGHMAN, Secretary, 12-14-17-4w.

Here They Are CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

PICK THEM OUT
From This List for

Father or Brother

Mother, Sister or Daughter

SHOT GUNS

RIFLES

HUNTING COATS

LEGGINGS

AMMUNITION

ICY-HOT BOTTLES

FISHING TACKLE

POCKET KNIVES

RAZORS

SHAVING BRUSHES

RAZOR SROPS

RAZOR HONES

ALL KINDS TOOLS

FLASH LIGHTS

ANDIRONS

FIRE SETS

ELECTRIC PERCOLATORS

ELECTRIC TOASTERS

ELECTRIC GRILLS

ELECTRIC IRONS

ALUMINUM ROASTERS

ENAMEL ROASTERS

WEAR-EVER ALUMINUM

COMMUNITY SILVER

STEEL KNIVES AND FORKS

WAFFLE IRONS

FANCY POTTERY

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THINGS FOR

SWEETHEART

TOO

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